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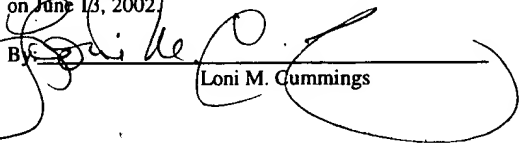
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

DR. JAMES L. COX, *et al.*)

Examiner: Unassigned

Application No.: 09/606,742)

Art Unit: Unassigned

Filed: June 28, 2000)

For: SURGICAL SYSTEM AND)
PROCEDURE FOR TREATMENT)
OF MEDICALLY REFRACTORY)
ATRIAL FIBRILLATION)

**SECOND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel pending claims 21-25 without prejudice and add the following new claims:

--26. A method of forming an elongate ablation to electrically isolate one part of the heart from another part of the heart, comprising the steps of:
providing an ablation device having an elongate ablating portion;

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